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MS-150 Report



*COMING SOON... THE QUESTIONS
AND ANSWERS TO...
WHAT DID NICKOLA TESLA HAVE TO DO
IN THE PHILADELPHIA EXPERIMENT.
WHO IS COMMANDER 'X'
WAS DR. JESSUP A SUICIDE OR
A MURDER*

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- **10-on-10 Net**at 10:00et 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM)
- **75 meter Net**at 10:20et 3.993 MHz LSB

License Examinations

are held on the **first non-holiday Thursday** each month (except July and August) at
Northeast High School,

Cottman and Algon Streets, Philadelphia PA

Registration begins at 6:00 P.M. Enter through the SPARC wing. Exams begin and doors closed and locked at **6:30 P.M.**

Sharp! Applicants should call Dusty ND3Q at 215-879-0505 (day) or 215 482 0386 (eve) for the latest information.

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All visitors are welcome!

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W3QV Club Repeater – Trustee: W3BBB

Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA

147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz & 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz

W3AA at Northeast High School –Trustee: WU3I

Cottman and Algon Streets, Philadelphia, PA

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September Hurricanes Keep Amateurs Busy

(K3XS, from ARRL reports)

After amateur radio operators all over the Eastern United States helped provide emergency communications during recovery operations in the wake of Hurricane Charlie during the month of August, you'd think they'd earned some time to relax.

But it was not to be, as the month of September was jam-packed with almost weekly hurricane hatchlings, some making landfall in the Southeastern US.

From Palm Beach County, Southern Florida Assistant SM Jeff Beals, WA4AW, reported that ARES/RACES activated September 2, prior to the arrival of Hurricane Frances.

"Over 50 amateurs assisted with communications support during the Frances operation," Beals said. "Some positions were manned by their operators for the first 36 hours before relief was available."

Amateur Radio communicators covered 22 shelters, eight hospitals and a

Special Care Unit at the South Florida Fairgrounds. Beals worked with Palm Beach County EC Dave Messenger and County RACES Officer Mark Filla, KS4VT, at the county's EOC. He said Palm Beach County remains in the recovery stage, and many areas still are without commercial power or telephone service.

Over the holiday weekend, Messenger told ARRL that power remained out to much of Palm Beach County. While a number of the shelters have closed, he indicated shelter communicators were needed at those still open. He said ARES was been working with the American Red Cross, which set up distribution points to aid hurricane victims.

Farther up Florida's east coast in Volusia County, ARES/RACES was active in the Daytona Beach area. Mike Glennon, KB4JHU, came from Tullahoma, Tennessee, with his communications trailer to pitch in. Gary Pearce, KN4AQ, of Amateur Radio//Video News, reports that seven hams from Tennessee and Georgia turned out to relieve exhausted Florida locals.

"Mike was stationed at one of five assistance centers in the county where residents could pick up ice and supplies," Pearce said, adding that Volusia County ARES/RACES EC Fred Magliacane, KF4VRS, managed to keep going despite very little sleep during the activation. Pearce said stalled traffic and flooded highways impeded transportation throughout those parts of the state he managed to visit.

In Clay County, southwest of Jacksonville in northern Florida, Vern Ferris, W4NEK, reports that his ARES team was providing communication for shelters in Clay County shelters over the weekend and until the evening of September 6, when telephone service was restored. The American Red Cross was operating one shelter, and Clay County was operating another, he said.

And then came Ivan...

Escambia County ARES Emergency Coordinator Gene Bannon, KB4HAH, said on September 20th that he had enough operators for the moment at the county emergency operations center (EOC) and in the field. Telephone service was still

spotty, and power was out over most of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. ARES has been supporting American Red Cross and The Salvation Army relief operations as well as food distribution centers, evacuation shelters and even the US military.

"This has all been one big day to me," said Bannon of the time since the hurricane hit. Bannon not only is the county's EC, he works for telephone provider Bell South. "If I'm not working for Bell South, I'm working down at the EOC." Bannon says the same group of radio amateurs has been taking turns handling emergency traffic since the hurricane struck September 17.

Bannon says a ham radio couple from Texas on their honeymoon "showed up on our doorstep and said, 'We're ready to operate. Where do you want us?'" He said the couple--Dale Walker, AA5DW, and Chanda Bartlett, AD5IQ--arrived with their RV loaded with a month's worth of food and two weeks of fuel, and he's been taking advantage of their largesse in the ARES activation. The RV, he said, is equipped for everything from HF on up. The couple had

been handling shelter communications but now is providing communication between a Red Cross feeding station and the EOC.

ARES Team Activates for Delaware River Flooding

In the wake of what was by the Tropical Depression Ivan, Mercer County, NJ ARES/RACES activated over the weekend of September 18-19 to staff the radio room at the Mercer County EOC after emergency managers found themselves dealing with flooding.

The high water was a result of heavy rainfall from remnants of Hurricane Ivan in the Catskill and Pocono Mountains, causing the Delaware River to reach its highest flood levels in 50 years, reminding some of us of PMRC's participation in relief efforts at that time during Hurricane Dianne.

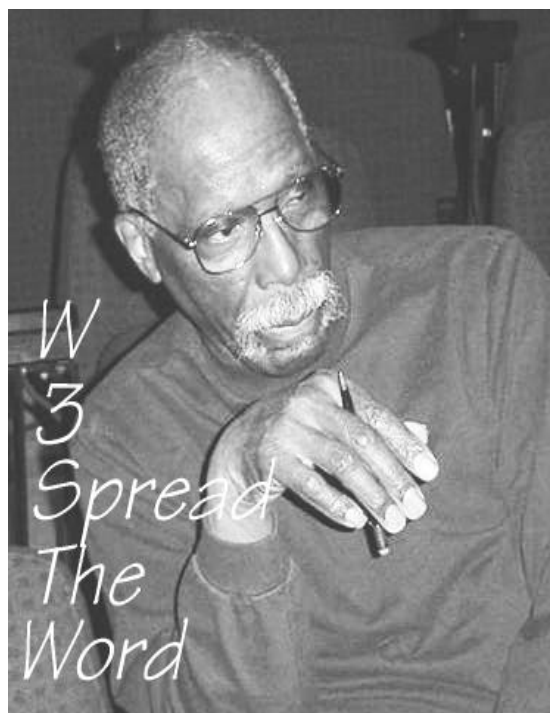
Southern New Jersey Section Emergency Coordinator Gary Wilson, K2GW, reported that debris in the river, which included a 1000-gallon propane tank, caused periodic bridge closures over the weekend. Some 1500 people had to evacuate September 19 to three shelters, area hotels

and other sites. Wilson said the river was expected to recede below flood stage by this evening.

Mercer County radio amateurs staffed the EOC's W2MER Amateur Radio station continuously in four-hour shifts until Monday morning. Additional amateurs were on call via the W2ZQ Mercer County ARES/RACES repeater.

"The hams used the NJOEM statewide 220 MHz NJ2EM repeater and the statewide 2 meter APRS digital messaging network to maintain links with the Hunterdon County and Warren County EOCs farther up the river," Wilson said.

"Per the Mercer County EOC protocol, the hams also were the operators of the public safety radios in the EOC to maintain contact with the sheriff officers coordinating the evacuations along the river." Seven ARES/RACES members took part in the activation.



QUICK-FORM 605, but you will need a Federal Registration Number (FRN). Trying to remember what you did almost ten years ago can be a bit taxing on the memory bank especially if your license was printed on pink paper.

As I recall the rules if you aren't registered under the ULS at the time you seek FCC services, the application will be returned without action. Check it out now, if you do file and haven't done the right thing, you'll still have time to make it right before the end of the year.

Taking a cue from the December '03 election process WE, as a Club, need to get the ball rolling now to make sure the December '04 P.M.R.C. election of officers is conducted in a business-like manner.

Thus, a Nominating Chairman (Dusty, ND3Q) is seeking your participation in developing a ballot for the December '04 Club election of officers.

Dusty is seeking candidates for president, vice president, secretary and three directors. Another important reminder as we approach the last ninety days of this year is the renewal of your amateur radio license if it expires in 2004.

Many of you, as ARRL members, need not concern yourselves about the Universal Licensing System (ULS), number, nor obtaining a FCC Form 605 or NCVEC

Hurray for our side, as the Phil-Mont Mobile Club received congratulations from the MS folks for participating in the MS 2004 Bike Tour. I hope I have the chance to work with you all in 2005 MS Bile Tour.

That's the upside of my Spread The Word article now here's a bit of the yet a higher side.

I'm not a patsy nor afraid of controversy or speaking out when I think MY cause has been wronged. I am deeply offended by the careless actions from Russ, W3CH.

I had given him instructions to finish giving out the MS150 packages by ten P.M., "He WAS NOT" finished by ten P.M. I apologize to the Masonic Village Management for this and the undue stress placed upon Perry, W3PTB, the guy that makes it happen.

I say to YOU both, under my watch

Russ won't get another chance to jeopardize the good relations the P.M.R.C., has had with you thus far. To the rest of my fellow Club Members know that I am sensitive to what I think are rude actions and offensive comments you've endured during the 2004 MS150 Tour.

I am very saddened because I've asked you to participate. But also know this that at this very moment I'm working to put an end to that type of behavior won't happen again.

Don't forget the P.M.R.C. 2004 Election process.

Where are the pictures?

de Al W3STW

Philmont Board of Directors Meeting September 1, 2004

Al Tribble, W3STW called the meeting to order at 7:59 pm. Attending the September BOD meeting was as follows: STEVE WU3I, FRED WA3KIO, Maggie K3XS, Dick W3RM, Jim W3BBB, Bill W3AOK, Gene N3XKE, ED KB3IV, and Jim NS3K.

Dick, W3RM reported that over the summer period disbursements were way ahead of receipts but that the treasury fund is still in very good shape.

Maggie, K3XS is still looking for any material for the Blurb. If you have anything you feel you want to contribute please get in touch with her. Otherwise you'll have to be

content with my notes each month.

Jim, W3BBB reported that the Delaware County site is ready to go online. Also the Southampton site is back in service.

Gene, N3XKE had the sad news that the tower at Northeast High School is still not erected. Things seem to be at a standstill. The school board is still accepting bids to do the work. Seems like a little Viagra is in order.

Ed, KB3IV reported that the nets are doing okay. We could use a little more participation on the 10 and 75 meter nets. If you have the equipment and the license why not put them to work?

Dick, W3RM also brought up that a nomination committee needed to be formed for the up coming elections.

There was also a discussion about licensing renewals. If you have any questions about renewing your license please get in touch with one of the board members.

The September board meeting was closed at 9:04 pm

Until next month, 73
NS3K

Philmont Mobile Radio Club Sep- tember Meeting

Philmont President Al Tribble called the September meeting to order at 7:35 pm. There was a larger turnout then usual due to the MS 150 program.



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VE Exam Session Statistics for September 9, 2004

One candidate took two elements, and we had one new amateur. The VE team was chaired by Dusty Rhoads **ND3Q**, and the other participating VEs were

Tom Scott KF4I

Jim McCloskey NS3K

Steve Hoch WU3I

Gene DiNardi N3XKE:

Upcoming Exam Sessions:

October 7, 2004, November 4, 2004, December 2, 2004

(See page 2 for details)

Hey Team,

Once again both ARRL and the F.C.C., have done a speedy job on issuing Amateur Radio Licenses !! The Exam that was given on September 9, 2004 was sent on September 10, 2005 Friday morning. The ARRL processed the 605 form on September 12, 2004 and sent to the F.C.C. . The F.C.C. issued the licence on September 13, 2004. So once again, it took only four working days to process an Amateur Radio Operators License. The Technician call that was given to Michael Carlin was KB3LMG.

TO BE CONTINUED:
SEE YA, DUSTY

Dick, W3RM was unable to attend the meeting so there was no treasury report. Please see my BOD minutes for the state of the treasury. Also see my BOD minutes for info about the Blurb.

Steve, WU3I took time to thank those who helped out at Field Day and covered for him after his little mishap. He also reported that there has been no work done on the tower at W3AA, aka Northeast High

School. Hopefully by next month we will have some better news to report.

Ed, KB3IV stated that we could use more participation on the 10 and 75 meter nets on Sunday.

Dusty, ND3Q told the assembled that the VE session would be held on the second Thursday in September due to the start of the school year. From

October onward we will be back to the first Thursday of each month.

Al, W3STW then spoke briefly about needing a nominating chairman to put a slate of candidates together for the upcoming elections. Hopefully we will see some new faces of people who would like to take an active part in the running of PMRC.

Bill, W3AOK is open to any suggestions for future programs you would like to see at the club meetings

The floor was then turned over to Russ, W3CH and Charlie W3WF, who gave out the MS 150 packets as well as answered any questions about the event. Thanks to all who were able to help out at this year's event. Hopefully next year will see an even greater participation. Al closed the meeting at 9:03 pm. I hope to see you next month.

Till then,

73 de NS3K

MS-150 Report

While our cover art promises an MS-150 report, this year the MS-150 came so close to the Blurb deadline that not many reports have yet been received here.

However we have received a note via Russ W3CH from The MS folks:

Subject: A thank you from the folks at MS!

Russ,

Would you mind sharing this note with the HAMs, GMRS and

CBers who volunteered this past weekend?

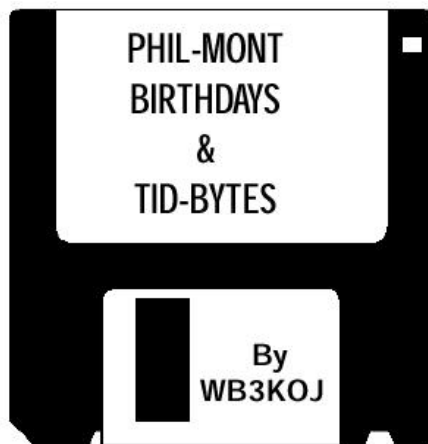
The National MS Society is so grateful to have such a dedicated group of volunteers. Your efforts this weekend were simply outstanding. Even through the periods of rains, your spirit was not dampened. We would not be able to put over 6,000 cyclists on the road without your support. Every year, your contributions help improve the safety of the Tour and let the cyclists know they are being cared for on the route. We are proud to announce that we are looking to surpass our goal of \$4 million raised in the fight against

MS.

Sincerely,
MS 150 Bike Tour Staff

Thank you much!
To all the , Hams, GMRS and CBers

Kristina, Development Director,
National MS Society



MEMBERSHIP STATS

At press time P.M.R.C. has:

103 FULL PAID MEMBERS
9 FAMILY MEMBERS
1 YOUTH MEMBERS
1 HONORARY MEMBERS
0 PENDING MEMBERS

October Birthdays

01 Ed Masarsky – KB3IV
Charlie Phelps – N3OOV
02 Susan DeCicco (XYL KE3QB)
Donna Stevenson (XYL K3HWE)
03 David Colucci – KB3HOE
04 Joe Elmaleh – K3HIJ
05 Domenic Cantarella – K3DTC
06 Joan Freer (XYL W3YLT)
10 Patricia DiNardi – (XYL N3XKE)
11 Charlye Johnson, Jr. – K3CJ
14 Bill Mescanti, Jr. – WB3KUR
21 Dan Greene – K3HES
23 Ed Rykaczewski – W3ALM
25 Rosalie Weinberg (XYL WP4MSX)
31 Dick Klein – W3WXC

October Hamfests!

Don't forget two great local fall Hamfests on Sundays
during during October:

October 10th:

33 rd Annual Pack Rats Flea Market
HAMARAMA 2004

Middletown Grange Fair Grounds
Penns Park Road, Wrightstown PA
packrats_w3ccx@yahoo.com
<http://www.ij.net/packrats>

October 17th

R.F.Hill Amateur Radio Club HAMFEST
Rain or Shine-Sellersville Fire House
Sellersville,PA.
rfhillarc@yahoo.com
<http://www.rfhill.ampr.org>

Date	October 2004 with PMRC
Fri 01	
Sat 02	
Sun 03	NCS : 2m and HF : W3YXZ
Mon 04	
Tue 05	
Wed 06	Board meeting at WRDV
Thu 07	VE Exams at Northeast HS -- see page 2
Fri 08	
Sat 09	Columbus Day
Sun 10	NCS: 2m:N3OWM HF: W3KIO
Mon 11	
Tue 12	
Wed 13	PMRC General Meeting at Masonic Village -- See page 2
Thu 14	
Fri 15	
Sat 16	
Sun 17	NCS: 2m & HF: KB3IV
Mon 18	
Tue 19	
Wed 20	
Thu 21	
Fri 22	
Sat 23	
Sun 24	NCS: 2m:N3FTY HF: W3STW
Mon 25	
Tue 26	
Wed 27	
Thu 28	
Fri 29	
Sat 30	
Sun 31	Halloween -- NCS: 2m and HF W3BBB

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